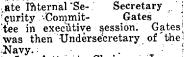
## Officer Says Gates Tried to KORed Report

Bureau) — Retired Navy Capt. Robert A. Winston tonight ac-

Secretary Thomas Gates of try-ing to railroad him into a mental ward in 1955 to discredit his charges that Communists had infiltrated the Pentagon. Winston in

1955 appeared before the Senate Internal Security Commit-



In a letter to Chairman James O. Eastland (D-Miss.) of the In-ternal Security Committee, Winston has now requested that his closed session testimony be made

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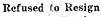
Winston told THE NEWS, that he Became incensed when Gates recently apologized to the National Council of Churches for an Air Force manual which included a rection linking the Protcluded a section linking the Prot-estant clergy with Communism and decided to "break" his an-

Under the name "Col. Victor J. Fox,"- Winston has for years meen an extremely active writer in a one-man anti-Communist campaign and his identity has

disguised novel "The Pentagon Case" in 1958, relating a situation substantially identical with

his own experences.
Capt. Winston was a fighter squadron commander and an air group commander in World War II and received five combat deco-Il and received five combat decorations. He served with the Central Intelligence Agency in 1951 and 1952, retired at his own request after the Korean War and in 1955 was appointed special assistant to the Secretary of the Navy for personnel and reserve forces at a salary of \$12,000 a year.

He was serving in this job when he testified before the Senatecommittee.



In his letter to Eastland, Winston recalled that he had testified several hours before the Internal

Security Committee.
"I did so," Winston wrote,
"only because Mr. Gates, who at that time was the Navy's Undersecretary, had personally ordered an assistant secretary of the Navy to discharge me without causue as the latter's special ascausue as the latter's special assistant, a GS-16 'supergrade' appointment. As you know, Is refused to resign and requested an opportunity to hear the charges against me, directly from my accusers."

Winston recounted how his request was directly and the presented the

quest was disregarded. He pre-pared an official report on Communist infiltration in the Pentagon "in line of duty" and had this this thrown back to him by the

inspector general.
"Subsequently," Winston wrote,
"as you know, Pentagon officials reporting directly to Mr. Gates attempted to railroad me into the mental ward of Bethesda Naval Hospital, in an obvious attempt to discredit my official report and my testimony before your committee."

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